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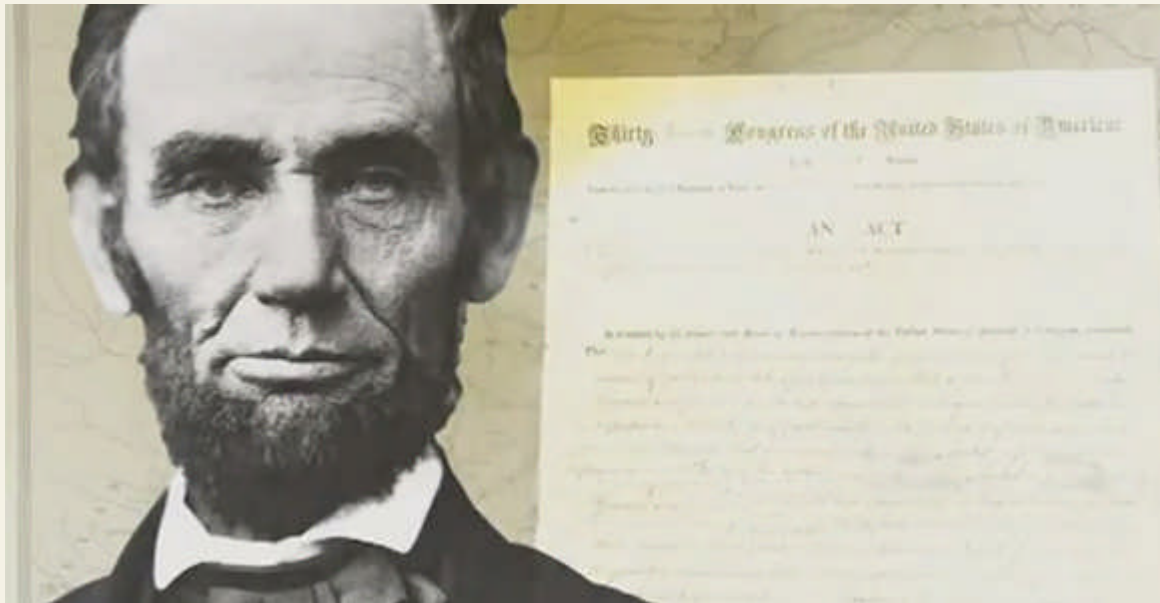
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From the chancellor



This year, the Institute of Agriculture and other land-grant universities throughout the nation commemorate their heritage and the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act, which established agricultural missions for public universities and was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War. Join us at Ag Day Saturday, Nov. 3, to mark this milestone and celebrate two others. [More](#)

Ag Day is almost here!



Ag Day is just around the corner -- Saturday, Nov. 3. Plan to join with our alumni and friends for all the fun. There will be live music, departmental displays and a chance to stump television star Charlie of Farm Bureau Insurance with your questions about life. Ag Day starts four hours before gametime on E.J. Chapman Drive by the Plant Biotechnology Building.

Students, Jamaica me proud!



CASNR Dean Caula Beyl reflects on the value of study-abroad experiences for our students. Twelve students recently returned from a tour of Jamaica led by Animal Science professor Mike Smith and his wife, Delores, a professor at UTK. Their comments during a presentation underscored the importance of these experiences to college students. **More**

4-H works to grow one million scientists

UT President Joe DiPietro joined Knox County 4-H'ers in creating eco-bots during the fifth annual National Science Day. The youth were challenged to build robots out of everyday materials and demonstrate how they could be used to manage environmental clean-ups. **More**



As the institute works toward restoration of American chestnuts, UT scientists led by Scott Schlarbaum are evaluating trees produced by three American chestnut breeding programs. **More**



Famed environmentalist Mark Trail teaches readers about the status of bobwhite quails and the important work of the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative headquartered at the institute. **More**



A new UT Equine Extension and Research Center in Spring Hill will help horse owners with best management practices. UTIA is inviting the public to tour the new center at an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 7. **More**

UT Extension associate dean honored



Shirley Hastings was recognized this month with a national award from Epsilon Sigma Phi, a professional organization that represents university Extension employees nationwide. Hastings, who is in a post-retirement position while a national search is conducted, has also received a state award from the Tennessee Economic Summit for Women. **More**



Fred Allen named Crop Science Society Fellow

The Crop Science Society of America Fellow award that Allen received is the highest recognition given by the society to its members. Fewer than half of 1 percent of the active and emeritus members may be elected to Fellow. "It's a great honor for me to have my professional career achievements recognized by my peers," Allen says. He credits teamwork for his successes. [More](#)



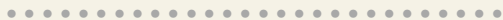
With Election Day ahead, the Alumni Association and UT Advocacy administered a survey to all state legislative candidates to understand their views and how they could impact UT. [More](#)



It will be Halloween fun in the UT Gardens in Knoxville on Saturday, Oct. 27. Youth can learn about pumpkins, spiders and other creepy crawlies, and make a few ghoulish crafts to take home. [More](#)



UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists 2013 Giving Circle applications are now being accepted. Applicants may develop a new project or program that benefits their campus or expands upon an existing program. [More](#)



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